

## **Royal Burgh of Cupar & District Community Council**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in County Hall, County Buildings, Cupar at 7pm

**Present:** Gina Logan (Chair) Robert Graham (vice-chair), Alison Milne, Peter Cura, Charles Anderson, Stephen Stewart, Gordon Pay, Cannon Pat McInally, Imogen Maskel

**Apologies:** Jennie Hughes, Gary Paterson, Mike Alexander, Cllrs Kennedy & Marjoram

**In attendance:** Fife Councillor Tony Miklinski; Police Scotland – Community Officers (NEF)

### **Welcome and opening remarks**

Chair, Gina Logan welcomed everyone to this month's meeting. She paid respect to a past Chair of the Community Council, Mr Charlie Milne who had passed away suddenly in recent weeks. She had attended the Memorial Service on behalf of the Community Council and asked that our condolences be recorded.

A representative from RBS (Royal Bank of Scotland) would be present at the May meeting. A presentation will also be received from Fife Council regarding the arrangements for the replacement of Eden House, Care Home.

### **Police Scotland – Community Report**

Community officers provided an update on recent initiatives, along with crime statistics for the Cupar area. Regular contact is maintained with Bell Baxter High School through pupil support along with ongoing youth engagement activity at the Cupar Youth Café and YMCA. The annual Good Citizen Award is being promoted through primary schools presently and was an effective way of promoting citizenship and relationships with younger children. Speeding remains an issue for road traffic and the Summer Speedwatch Campaign involving volunteers has relaunched. Training and awareness session being held at Cupar Police Station on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March between 2pm – 4pm. "Pop Up Bob" continues to be deployed and recently had been located at Westfield Road and Balgarvie Crescent. Noted that signage and traffic calming measures are the responsibility of Fife Council Transportation and where there are specific areas of concern, recommendation for a speed survey can be requested.

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting were moved for approval by Charlie Anderson and seconded by Stephen Stewart.

### **Matters Arising**

1. Cupar North Development – noted extension to the period for submitting a revised master plan had been extended to June 2018. Cannon Pat McInally raised concern that delays in this development had a negative impact on the availability of homes in Cupar for sale and that smaller developments were being refused or put on hold as a result. Cupar North remains the designated housing development land allocation for Cupar.
2. Sustainable Cupar Coffee Morning - being held Sat 28<sup>th</sup> March at 10.15am, Cupar Golf Club. Update from Gordon Pay, members encouraged to promote and also consider attending and joining in the "conversations" being held re future plans such as "active travel". Opportunity to walk the Moor Road as part of the morning's activity.

3. Defibrillator Project – Stephen Stewart had meet with Gillian Duncan, East Neuk Responders. Five (5) defibrillators had been purchased along with external cabinets. The cost for each is £1,300, the total £6,500 was being met through the community fundraising which had taken place last year. Robert Graham, Treasurer reported that a balance of approx. £300 remained for consumables and it was anticipated that a further donation from Time Fitness would be received in coming weeks. Locations were confirmed as: Fisher & Donaldson (Ceres Road); Time Fitness (Crossgate); St Columba’s Parish Church; Eden Valet Garage (Carslogie Road); Fluthers Car Park (Toilet Block/Tourist Info) Chas Anderson & Sons Ltd (Electrical) has agreed to mount and fit equipment. Training for community volunteers will be held after equipment has been fitted.

### **Members of the Public**

Gavin Waddell paid tribute to Charlie Milne, he echoed the comments by the Chair at the start of the meeting and mentioned in particular Charlie’s involvement in the Cupar Blues and Beyond Club and the Cupar Youth Café.

Cupar Museum and Heritage Centre is now open and will remain open for the season to the end of October. He encourage visitors and local people to visit and enjoy the.

Castle Furniture Project representative mentioned that the “Shire Horse” sculpture would soon be installed at the Kingdom Housing Association Development at Tarvit. A ceremony to recognise the 14,000<sup>th</sup> affordable house would be held and invitation list for this event was being developed. Members of the community council commented on the good work Castle Furniture do in particular work with in the field of mental health recovery.

### **Correspondence**

Correspondence had been placed on website, noted advice received re road closure at Hillcairnie from FC Transportation Services.

### **Ex-Officio Reports**

Cllr Miklinski advised that Castle Furniture lease for their existing buildings was due for re-newal in 2020. The Project was not under threat of closure, however, premises are now being sought for the project. The project is strong and vibrant and very much open for business.

He was due to visit HMP Glen Ochil re work with inmates involved with recycling white goods as part of a rehabilitation programme.

Ceres footpath – noted route had been identified and landowners agreed route and access gates/fences as necessary.

Education Service – noted savings measure re admin/secretarial staff in schools with less than 200 pupils. Petition now live for anyone which wishes to support the campaign to have the decision reversed/revised. Link to site “change .org” for details. Cannon Pat commented on the potential impact of St Columba’s as supported the efforts by those wishing to seek re-think. Cllr Miklinski advised that it may be the case that a motion will be raised at the full Council meeting to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2018.

Gordon Pay sought clarification on the timescale for Cllrs responding to constituent’s complaints or advice. He was concerned that he had not had a response from any of the three Cllrs to recent

enquiries raised. Cllr Miklinski apologised if there had been a delay or that requests had been overlooked. He offered to meet with Gordon after the meeting to clarify/resolve as appropriate.

### **Sub-Groups**

Burgh Traditions & Events – noted content of the Open Studios publicity and how fortunate we are in the area to have such a comprehensive arts programme. Noted Highland Games Committee had recently had their trailer stolen, reported that a local garage had offered a replacement. Fife Show being held on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.

Planning – noted that Cupar North Development had a extension to June 2018. Members commented on the impact of continued delay and anticipated that future outcome of the Tay City deal will have a significant bearing on the delivery of the proposed bypass. Cannon Pat reiterated the impact on delivery of housing presently and that the delays experienced are unacceptable.

Finance – noted purchase of Defibs (5) at £6,500. Independently examined accounts to be submitted at the May meeting.

### **AOCB**

British Legion – noted event to commemorate cessation of 2014-18 conflict to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> November, further details to be brought to the meeting. Stephen Stewart offered to assist and be involved where possible.

### **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed at 8pm